



ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY:
St Patrick's Catholic Parish acknowledges the Bunurong and Wurundjeri people, the Traditional Owners of this land, who have walked upon and cared for it for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9:00am & 10:30am

WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES

Monday	19/02	9.30am Liturgy of the Word and Communion
Tuesday	20/02	9.30am Liturgy Of the Word and Communion
Wednesday	21/02	10am Funeral Matiasi Seufatu 11am Mass Shanagolden
Thursday	22/02	9.30am Liturgy of the Word and Communion
Friday	23/02	9.30am Liturgy of the Word and Communion 7pm Stations of the Cross Church
Saturday	24/02	9.30-10.30 Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 9.30-10am or any time by appointment with Fr.
MARY'S INTERCESSORY PRAYERS
Saturday 10:00-10.30am
SHANAGOLDEN ROSARY GROUP: If you have any special prayer request please feel free to email jane.parsons@vmch.com.au or leave a message at parish office.
ST PATRICK'S GIFT SHOP: Open before and after all three weekend masses or by appointment. Please contact Jessey at 0406901318
ST. PATRICK'S PLAYGROUP: If you would like information please call Liz 0407104358.

+ We remember those who have died recently including Matiasi Seufatu and those whose anniversaries occur about this time including Maria Tensek.
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. AMEN

We pray for those who are sick including Keith Brooks, David Gudgeon, Calvin Furnell, Richard Pereira, Val Battams Tom Cervasio, Marie Stephen, Deonetta Golja, Philomena Austin. **We pray for all who care for the sick and worry about them. May their works of service be richly blessed.** (Names can only be placed on this list by the sick person or a family member).

BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome for Baptism Andrew Liu & John Walsh "Receive the light of Christ. Parents and Godparents this light is entrusted to you to keep burning brightly" (Rite of Baptism). The next Baptism Preparation session is March 4th 2018 at 2.45pm

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: This year's World Day of Prayer will be held at The Salvation Army, 51 Bald Hill Road, Pakenham, on Friday 2nd March, at 10am. The theme this year is "All God's Creation is Very Good!" and we will be focusing on Suriname. One of the great things about us coming together this way is the possibility to have people from many of the local churches participate. This event is open to all and we will serve morning tea at the conclusion of the service.

PLANNING FOR THE 2020 PLENARY COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA:
As the planning for the 2020 Plenary Council of the Church in Australia gets underway, Bishop Pat O'Regan would like to host a meeting with parishioners in each of our 27 parishes over the first half of 2018. It is envisaged that these meetings will be a way of introducing parishioners to the concept of Plenary 2020; initiating dialogue; explaining the Plenary process and most importantly, listening to the people.
To that end Bishop Pat has put together a schedule of meetings to visit our 27 parishes and will be at St Patrick's on the 24th of April. Please mark your diary early!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: There will be Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent at 7:00pm in the church.

LENENT CHOIR PRACTICE will start Wednesday 21st February at 7.30 pm and continue through Lent. Dates for your calendar are 21st and 28th Feb, 7th, 14th and 21st March. All singing voices are welcome.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 18th: Project Compassion.
In Nepal, a Caritas supported program has helped Janaki turn her life of poverty and disadvantage around. She is now running her own successful sewing business, training others and has become a role model in her community. Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help our most vulnerable neighbors in Nepal to build a just future for their families and communities.

PROJECT COMPASSION : Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "A Just Future". You will be empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.
A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

COLES SPORTS VOUCHERS: If you are doing your shopping at Coles over the next few weeks, our schools, St Patrick's and St Clare's would be most grateful if you could collect the stickers offered and place them in the box on the table in the church foyer. The stickers will then be collected and much needed sports equipment provided to the schools. Thank you for your help.

ST PATS YOUTH GROUP LAUNCH BBQ, will be on 24th Feb after 6:00 pm mass. All youth 13 and above are welcome. Please RSVP Maddy at 0490384487 by Feb 20th

A NOTE FROM SR TERESA: Would anyone who takes Communion to the sick have a pyx with Teresa written on the back of it. If you do find it I would appreciate it being left at the church.
Many thanks Sr Teresa.

WORKING BEE: There will be a special working bee to spring clean the whole church on the 24th March at 10:00am. We are christening the new 7Ft extendable cobweb broom to reach the heavenly heights. Many hands make light work.

ST. PATRICK'S FETE NEWS: Trash & Treasure: If you have any Trash or Treasure for this stall at our upcoming Fete on Friday March 16th. It can be dropped off at the school either Monday or Wednesday 2.30-3.30pm or Friday 8.30 to 9.15am or alternatively left at the Parish Office for collection by the fete organizers.

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIAL GROUP: Following the successful Mystery Bus Trip St. Patrick's Social Club have organized a luncheon at the "Lady Lavender Tea Rooms", Princes Highway, Bunyip on Wednesday, 7th March at 12pm. Further info and names to Kathy 0418 796 616 or Bev 59401 890. by 4th March to ensure bookings..

ST. PATRICK'S PLAYGROUP UPDATE: We have filled a number of sessions to capacity so are now opening a new group starting this week on Wednesday at 9.30am. Cost \$10per term per family. Children 0-5 years welcome with a parent. Bring a piece of fruit to share. Call Liz Roberts on 040 710 4358 if you are interested attending in this session.

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH GUEST SPEAKER: Christina King will be visiting St Agatha's Parish and speaking on "God's Plan for Love and Marriage" on Friday 23rd February at 7.00pm St Agatha's Church, 129 Sladen Street, Cranbourne. Christina is the mother of 8 children and a wife of 22 years. She is the host of "Embracing Your Greatness" on Radio Maria, the largest Catholic Radio Affiliate in the World broadcasting to over 162 countries, a weekly program helping people to see the world through the lens of Divine Mercy and Theology of The Body. She has been featured on "Women of Grace" on EWTN, Relevant Radio, Ave Maria Radio, St. Josephs Communications and Parousia Media to name a few.

ST. PATRICK'S SEWING GROUP Did you know that we have a sewing group at St Patricks?

- Do you have a sewing machine in your cupboard that is not being used?
 - Would you like to learn to use it?
 - Would you like to learn how to make clothes for you or your children?
 - Would you like to learn how to do patchwork?
- We have a group of enthusiastic ladies who meet on a Thursday from 11am till 2.30pm in the library room. They are learning lots, including (1) how to use their machines, (2) how to make beautiful clothes, (3) some are using these sessions to improve their English speaking skills and they are having a lot of fun under the tuition of our teacher/leader Cheryl Billing Smith.. Cheryl is an experienced sewer and patchwork teacher and she comes with excellent skills that she is keen to share. These are fun classes and if you are interested then you can contact Cheryl on 0417 124 811 or you can pop in one Thursday to check them out, or you can contact Mary Craven at the office.
- ACCOMMODATION NEEDED:** An older, single lady is seeking a one bedroom accommodation in Pakenham to live in, to be closer to her relatives here. If anyone can help please ring Rose on 0430 282 533

SEWING MACHINE MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP. We have an experienced sewing machine mechanic coming to St Patricks At this workshop our mechanic Gordon will talk to us about how we should keep our machines in tip top working order, he will show us how to care for it and he will give us tips on basic maintenance This will be a two-hour workshop, starting at 10am and finishing at 12noon however we do ask that you arrive earlier to set up your machine . The workshop will cost \$40.00. This is a great chance to get a one on one with a sewing machine mechanic who can help you master your sewing machine and keep it well maintained. It is not a repair workshop, it is a maintenance one You must bring your sewing machine on the day and some scrap fabric and it will help us if you bring along an extension cord and a power board. Please bring your sewing machine manual with you on the day. If you do not have a manual, then please let us know the make and model of your machine prior to the day. Our mechanic does provide an excellent cleaning kit that is invaluable for cleaning your machine so if you are interested in purchasing one they will be available on the day. The cost of this is \$15.00. To book into this workshop please contact Cheryl Billing Smith, you will need to pay for this workshop prior to the day and to do so you will need to organize a direct debit. contact Cheryl on 0417 124 881 for further details. Date: March 15th 2018 Cost: \$40.00Time: 10am – 12noon (set up time 9.45am) Tea and Coffee will be available

	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
6pm	D Thomas E Fernando	D Dominic M Burhop J Rodda W Gaciabu L Garvey
9am	P Velten G Thompson	S Resuggan D Rowlands T Reimert Aj Estrada C Martin
10.30am	L O'Flynn A Raos	M Welliwatte A Parma R Lappin U Tiberi C Mayer
NEXT WEEK	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
6pm	W Gaciabu J Rodda	M VanDiemen M Wiwczaruk J Parsons W & B Vail
9am	M O'Brien D Rpwlands	A Penton A jEstrada R & A Jayawardena N Ward
10.30am	J Samymuthu M Byers	M Hobbin I Merrigan H Yuke A Stowers Volunteer

FINANCE MATTERS
Last week PG \$2237.00 Loose \$792.95 House \$844.45
This week PG \$2259.00 Loose \$812.75 House \$772.10
"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." - Mark 1:14
Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 18th Feb: N Boloski & D Velten
25th Feb: F DeBona & A Jayawardena
WELCOME TABLE :
18th Feb 6pm M Burhop 9am AJ Estrada 10.30 L O'Flynn
25thFeb 6pm M Vandiemmen 9am A Jayawardena 10.30 I Merrigan
CLEANING THIS WEEK: R & A Jayawardena
Next week: K Venn & H Aurish
Please Note: No Flowers during Lent.
ROSARY STATUE: 18/2 R & A Jayawardena
25/2 Hau Family

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH PAKENHAM

1st SUNDAY OF LENT

18th FEBRUARY, 2018.